

consideration of its major bills, and can now devote time to the regular calendar which have been shown during the last few months because of the rush of annual appropriation bills and national defense measures.

District day has been adjourned on several occasions. Little time has been allotted District of Columbia business at this session. Chairman San Johnson, of the District Committee, said today that he expected the District to be given several hearings now that the appropriation bills are out of the House. It is the intention of the House leaders to keep grinding away while the Senate considers the supply and defense bills sent over. The House is opposed to adjournments for three days at a time because it has a tendency to break a quorum, and there is considerable business on the calendar which deserves attention.

Will Ask Consideration.

"I believe that we will get time now for the consideration of District bills," said Chairman Johnson, "and I shall ask for their consideration at the earliest opportunity. We should get a number of District matters out of the way before Congress adjourns."

The Crosser municipal ownership bill was reported late in the session during the last Congress and failed to get a show in the House. The bill was introduced by Congressman Crosser, who will have charge of the bill on the floor, will press for action at this time and attempt to get it through the lower body even if it becomes jammed in the Senate.

Congressman Crosser's report on the bill is expected to follow lines of that presented last session, and contains statistics showing how municipal ownership has operated in other cities. The bill is expected to be given from the extended hearings held by the District Committee on the Crosser bill.

FIGHT ON AGAINST GERMAN PREMIER

(Continued from First Page.)

German notes as containing a conditional clause and they have been waiting to see what steps the United States would take against England.

Within the past few days I have discussed the situation with leaders of several parties in the Reichstag. A national Liberal member of the Reichstag, who formerly was a supporter of von Tirpitz and the von Tirpitz submarine policies, said that he hoped Buelow's success would show that the opposition in Germany is not so strong. "Who is going to be your next President—Wilson or Hughes?" he asked, and then, without waiting for an answer, continued:

Held in Net of Notes.

"If this should happen, everyone in than Wilson. The worst he can do is to declare war on Germany, and certainly that would be preferable to the present American neutrality."

"If this should happen, everyone in our navy would shout and throw up his hat, for it would mean unlimited sea war against England. Our present navy is held in a net of notes."

"What do you think the United States could do? You could not raise an army to help us, but you could confiscate our ships in American ports, but if you tried to use them to carry supplies and munitions to the allies we would sink them."

"Carrying on an unlimited submarine war, we could sink the entire merchant fleet of the leading powers, paralyze England, and win the war. Then we would start all over, build merchantmen faster than any nation, and regain our position as a leading commercial power."

Friends of the chancellor still hope that President Wilson will take a strong stand against England, thereby strengthening Bethmann-Hollweg's position. At present the campaign against the chancellor is closely connected with internal politics. The conservatives and the big land owners.

The latter are fighting Bethmann-Hollweg because he promised the people, on behalf of the Kaiser, the enactment of franchise reforms after the war.

To conservatives, more tactful, are attempting to make political capital out of the food situation.

It is one of the strange developments of the situation that the Socialists, in the present controversy, are the government's chief supporters.

New Automobiles More Welcome Than Babies

LONDON, June 19.—Babies refuse to come into a world full of automobiles, for the simple reason that new automobiles usually are more welcome than new babies. Babies and autos don't go together. Muriel Viscountess Helmsley gives this explanation for the falling birth rate in England.

Autos, according to the viscountess, create an appetite for amusement and, as babies furnish little amusement, the twentieth century way of thinking, they are considered an interference with the pleasures that the automobile affords.

Viscountess Helmsley says further: "The lamentable decline in the birth rate is due to the selfishness of women. They feel that with increasing family ties they may be unable to maintain their social status while at the same time they might find their outdoors activities crippled."

"The cause for amusement has been a growing deterrent to family life, but with the limitation of gasoline supplies by the military and the partial suppression of automobiles, the problem ought to adjust itself."

Bunions and Toothbrush Pave Way to Dope Theft

CLEARFIELD, Pa., July 12.—Joseph Buse and F. H. Masters, of Philadelphia, worked a clever trick on a druggist here today and got away with a quantity of dope. Their plans were up, however, before they had an opportunity to use it.

Buse purchased some bunion plasters, and with the druggist's permission went behind the prescription case to apply them. Just as Masters entered the store to buy a toothbrush. While the druggist was busy Buse got away with the morphine. When he attempted to give it to Masters at a hotel they were detected and arrested. Then they confessed.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia and Maryland—A hot and continued warm tonight and Thursday. Moderate rain and southwest winds.

Virginia—Fair and continued warm tonight and Thursday. Gentle to moderate winds, mostly southwest.

TEMPERATURES.

(U. S. Bureau.)

8 a. m.	78
9 a. m.	80
10 a. m.	82
11 a. m.	84
12 noon.	86
1 p. m.	88

TIDE TABLE.

High tide—4:17 a. m. and 5:14 p. m.
Low tide—11:53 a. m. and 11:46 p. m.

SUN TABLE.

Sun rose—4:49 a. m. Sun sets—7:23 p. m.

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CARRANZISTAS OPEN FIERCE ATTACK ON VILLISTA COLUMN

Battle Still Raging in Durango, Official Report From General Trevino.

DE FACTO LEADER TAKEN

General Enriquez en Route North From Mexico City Captured and Executed.

EL PASO, Tex., July 12.—A battle, still raging at last reports, opened at Sombrerito, Durango, today with an attack by Carranzistas under Gen. Ernesto Garcia on a Villista column, led by General Contreras and Paliso. This official news from General Trevino at Chihuahua City was followed by unconfirmed reports that Gen. Ignacio Enriquez, sent by War Minister Obregon to replace Trevino in command of the de facto army of the north, has been captured by Villistas and executed.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS READY FOR VILLISTAS

Both Regulars and Militiamen Are Fully Prepared.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, July 12.—If the Villistas are coming, they will find the United States regulars and militiamen ready to the minute.

"We will be prepared for the Villistas when they reach the Big Bend country," it was declared at General Funston's headquarters today. The speed with which militia segments are being equipped here out the statement.

Today practically every militia cavalry unit had been made ready to undertake border patrol work. Many detachments arrived here without full equipment of horses, but the shortage has been supplied and formal orders for their detail is expected shortly.

The big battle of Villa troops reported en route north tries to penetrate into the United States through the Big Bend country, the last three months in Mexico, said today they would have a hard time getting water.

MEXICANS THINK WAR BETTER THAN FAMINE

EAGLE PASS, Tex., July 12.—The civil population of Mexico would welcome war, intervention, or anything to save the famine conditions.

This was the statement today of Ramon Santos, former employment agent of the National Railways of Mexico, who stopped here en route to his home in San Antonio. He has spent the last three months in Mexico, and says "thousands are dying of starvation."

"Villa is getting the upper hand in Mexico, and soon will be in control of every section," he said. Desertions from the Carranza army number hundreds daily.

"Most of the de facto government's troops are anxious to fight the United States. They say Carranza is a coward and Villa a brave man, and join the latter."

Rebel Bands Repulsed, Carranzista Reports

EL PASO, July 12.—Thousands of militiamen continue to arrive here but public interest today centered in the fighting between Villistas and Carranzistas.

General Trevino reported from Chihuahua City that rebel bands were repulsed at Parral and Rosario.

Authorities are gradually won over to the belief that Villa personally is directing the new activities of the bandits.

From Rosario the Villistas were driven southward toward the Durango line. A de facto government scout patrol from Parral engaged the bandits in the vicinity of El Valle and drove them into the hills.

The Thirty-first Michigan Infantry is encamped here today, and two more Michigan regiments are expected hourly. The Thirty-first, a Pennsylvania cavalry regiment arrived yesterday.

Dr. Luis L. C. Chavarria, the Mexican surgeon who attended wounded American troops at Villa Ahumada, following the arrival of the bandits, attacked in a crowded street here last night and stabbed several times. His assailant escaped. Dr. Chavarria's injuries are not serious.

Despite unsettled internal conditions in Mexico several Americans from El Paso have returned to their interests in Chihuahua.

British and Russ Forces In Big Drive on Bagdad

LONDON, July 12.—With British and Russian forces converging on Bagdad, military experts pointed out here today that the fall of the great Turkish stronghold probably will follow one of the most decisive battles of the war.

The reason is cotton.

Far more important, say the experts, than the encircling of the Turkish divisions in the middle reaches of the Tigris is the fact that for months since American cotton has been denied to Germany the Bagdad region has been the chief source of cotton for German armaments. Cotton from this district, probably the last avenue to Germany open to this vital necessity for Teutonic explosives, has been steadily crawling over the Bagdad railway since the British blockade observed American cotton as contraband.

It is the opinion here that Germany will order the Turks to hold Bagdad at all costs, and probably will send large numbers of men to aid the Sultan's fighters. The point is declared, from the German standpoint, to be one of the most vital of the war.

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KOENIG SALUTES AMERICAN ANTHEM

Submarine Commander Stands At Attention While Orchestra Plays National Air.

BALTIMORE, July 12.—Americanism, as represented by the Order of Elks, and the German "kultur" at its highest point of development shook hands yesterday at the Sevedere hotel, and the big dining-room was the scene of a wild demonstration.

Capt. Paul Koenig, commander of the German super-submarine Deutschland, made the demonstration what it was. The square-jawed, indomitable German seaman rose from his chair at the luncheon table and stood at salute while the orchestra played "The Star-Spangled Banner," stood with his right hand to his forehead, rigid and unsmiling while the hundreds of other diners, too impressed to cheer, stood up, too.

Cheers for German Hymn.

Then, with but a short pause, "Die Wacht am Rhein" rang out, and the roar of cheers began. They lasted for five minutes and the little German captain, after one short bow in recognition of the honor to the Fatherland, stood at rigid attention as when America's national anthem was played.

Those who did it, Charles J. McCue, president of the State association of Massachusetts; Charles A. White, of Chicago, the grand treasurer of Elksdom, and Edward Seery, former president of the Park Commission of Paterson, New Jersey.

They were at luncheon at a table near Captain Koenig and his party. He didn't know the German captain, but the news that he was in the dining-room traveled like wildfire and Mr. White recognized him from newspaper pictures. He immediately impressed a desire to know him, particularly, he said, because he had a little present for him.

Given Little Token.

Mr. McCue volunteered to do the honors. He didn't know Captain Koenig any more than White did, but he is the sort of man who doesn't let little things like that stand in his way. He escorted the grand treasurer over to the captain's table, and the captain good humoredly shook hands with the Elks.

"I want to present to you this little token," said White, and he took from his pocket a tiny model of a submarine boat, periscope and all. "I hope it will bring you good luck," he concluded.

Captain Koenig laughed. "Thank you, Mr. White," he said, "and here's hoping I never come up at the wrong time."

And then, as though at a prearranged signal, the orchestra struck up "The Star-Spangled Banner," and Captain Koenig abruptly ceased the conversation and stood at attention.

Diners Leap Upon Chairs.

Mr. Seery, who had joined the party, took in the situation and raced for the orchestra and nervously waited at the leader's back until the national anthem was over; then he told the head musician to play "Die Wacht am Rhein." Some of the diners leaped on chairs, the better to express their feelings, and the big room was a-flutter with napkins in an instant.

By this time the orchestra had caught the spirit of the affair and when the German anthem was over they swung into "The Weir of the Green." Whereupon Captain Koenig saluted again, laughing, and former Governor of Pennsylvania John K. Tener and John Galvin, of Cincinnati, a past grand exalted ruler, stood at attention and saluted Captain Koenig.

The Elks who met the German captain were impressed with his apparent knowledge of America. When Mr. White was introduced as being from Chicago, Captain Koenig said: "Ah, you're from the island. Mr. White." After the dining room had quieted down he conversed with the Elks for several minutes.

Deutschland Crew Praised in Berlin

Newspapers Devote Columns to Her Arrival—Builders Scoff At Lake.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN, United Press Staff Correspondent.

BERLIN, (via wireless), July 12.—Every Berlin newspaper today devoted a large part of its news columns to the arrival of the submarine Deutschland at Baltimore and its editorial to praising the submarine's crew.

The Voessische Zeitung said that several similar ships are being constructed to begin commercial relations with neutral countries, thereby breaking the British blockade.

One of the ships is named the Bremen. All are of about 2,000 tons. The Deutschland was built at Kiel, work being started on her shortly after a company was formed November 3, 1915.

German shipbuilders are laughing at Signon Lake's threat to bring suit against the Deutschland's owners for patent infringement.

"We sit Lake or Jules Verne who discovered the submarine," asked one shipping man. "If Lake had the patent, why didn't he build submarines like the Deutschland?"

Thieves Leave Saucy Letter For Justice

LANCASTER, Pa., July 12.—The city residence of Chief Justice J. Hay Brown has been robbed. The judge and his family are at their summer home, and all the household valuables had been sent to bank, so the only thing the burglars found was an old pocketbook with a lone cent.

The burglars tied the purse to the front doorknob with a note—"A chief justice's wealth."

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SAYS FREIGHT U-BOAT PLANS PRACTICABLE

Inspector General of Federal Steamboat Inspection Service Sees No Bar.

It is just as practicable to operate a fleet of transoceanic freight submarines as a fleet of Great Lakes "whale-backs," in the opinion of Inspector General George Uhler, of the United States Steamship Inspection Service.

While the novelty of the trip of the Deutschland makes the feat spectacular, said Uhler, any of the Great Lakes "whale-backs" could easily have accomplished the feat except for the necessary brief submersions.

"I do not believe," he said, "that the Deutschland could have made the trip wholly submerged, even allowing rises to the surface for air."

Commenting on reports that the Deutschland may carry passengers on her return run of the British blockades, Uhler said before the German underseas boat could clear from Baltimore with persons other than her officers and crew, she would have to satisfy life-protection regulations.

The single lifeboat now carried by the liner, accommodating barely the crew, would be insufficient for passengers carried. Other regulations, such as fire-fighting apparatus and life-belt requirements, would have to be observed.

Uhler, who is in charge of the United States Commission of Navigation, differing from the idea that the Deutschland would be a part in commercial development.

"It is no more practicable," he said, "than the use of a small bill of coal. From these points a little view could be gotten by the thousands. But it was only a small view."

THROGS TRY TO SEE HIDDEN U-BOAT LINER

Strong Guard Halts Curious, However—Elks Only Get a Glimpse of Ship.

BALTIMORE, July 12.—Probably as many as 5,000 or 6,000 persons went yesterday to the Eastern Forwarding Company's property, where the transatlantic submarine freighter Deutschland is discharging her cargo of 4,000 tons.

They came by trolley, by automobile, by launch, sailboats, rowboats, canoes, afoot, and by wagons and buggies. Hundreds of automobiles bearing the beribboned Elks toiled along the "choppy" way down Andre street from Fort avenue, across the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and up to the guard at the Forwarding Company's property. City policemen formed an outer guard. Beyond them was the company's own guard—Germans at the warehouses and dock men at the shore ends of the pier. Where there were no watchmen the visitors ran up against the barbed-wire barricade and formidable logs forming a stockade about fifteen feet around the building. The wire was placed also overhead, between the log uprights and building.

Around on the western side of the Forwarding Company's property a mass of concrete is piled about eight feet high, and also a small hill of coal. From these points a little view could be gotten by the thousands. But it was only a small view.

GERMANS GIVE WAY ON SOMME, THOUGH FIGHTING BRAVELY

British Officers Give Foe High Praise for Stubborn Defense of Lines.

GERMANS NOT DISCOURAGED

London Sees Attempt to Mislead Allies in Pessimistic Stories From Berlin.

By ED L. KEEN.

LONDON, July 12.—German troops are fighting with the greatest bravery on the Somme and stubbornly continuing every inch of ground, though they have been unable to halt the allies' great offensive.

This is the word from British correspondents who have observed the fighting and have talked with British officers engaged in some of the more furious encounters around Contalmaison and La Boisselle. There is no indication that the Germans are discouraged or that they are willing to concede defeat.

For several days the German censor has been passing dispatches from correspondents at Berlin of most pessimistic character. These intimate that the German army is discouraged, the gigantic task that confronts it, because it is faced by a solid ring of enemies numerically superior, and that the German people are greatly concerned over the possibilities of defeat.

It is the belief here that these articles are deliberately inspired with the object of misleading the allies. United Press dispatches from Berlin, reporting the German army in splendid spirits and supremely confident of its ability to stop the allied offensive, are corroborated in reliable advices from other sources received in London.



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